

Special Session

Agenda Item #	6
Meeting Date	14 June 2004
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Discussion Item	Ordinance Amending Commercial District Facade Ordinance #1999-43
Background	<p>On Monday, June 7, 2004, the Council met with representatives from Historic Takoma, Inc. to consider their interest in amending the membership requirements of the Commercial District Facade Ordinance. The ordinance currently limits Facade Advisory Board (FAB) members, regardless of their designation, to a maximum of two consecutive terms of service. Historic Takoma has asked that the term limits be eliminated as it applies to its FAB representative. The Council agreed to proceed with the requested amendment.</p> <p>An ordinance providing for the requested exemption is attached, if approved, the ordinance will be amended as follows.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“ No member, with the exception of the member representing Historic Takoma, Inc., shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. Members representing Historic Takoma, Inc. may serve for an unlimited number of one year terms.”</i></p> <p>This is the first of a two reading ordinance. The second reading is tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2004.</p>
Policy	To maintain the historic and architectural character of Old Town and Takoma Junction through the appointment of qualified individuals to the Facade Advisory Board.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Ordinance Amending the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance to Eliminate the Term Limits for the Historic Takoma, Inc. Representative to the Facade Advisory Board
Recommendation	To conduct first reading of proposed ordinance and proceed to second reading.
Special Consideration	None

Introduced by:

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Effective Date:

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-_____

**Amending the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance to
Eliminate the Terms Limit for the Historic Takoma, Inc. Representative
to the Facade Advisory Board**

WHEREAS, on October 11, 1999 the Council adopted Ordinance No. 1999-43 which established a Facade Advisory Board (FAB) to review and advise on proposed new construction, signs, and facade improvements within the Old Town and Takoma Junctions commercial areas of the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1999-43, the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance, was amended on April 8, 2002, by Ordinance No. 2002-7, to expand the size of the FAB, to facilitate the review process, and to modify the membership requirements of the FAB in order to achieve a broader community representation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Historic Takoma, Inc. has proposed the elimination of the two term limit restriction contained within the Commercial District Facade Ordinance for the Historic Takoma, Inc. member of the FAB; and

WHEREAS, the Council, finds it to be appropriate to remove the two term limit restriction for the Historic Takoma, Inc. member of the FAB, given the mission of Historic Takoma and the expertise of its membership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland that Section 1, §1.B.4., of Ordinance No. 1999-43, the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance, as amended by Ordinance No. 2002-7, is amended as follows:

c. No member, **with the exception of the member representing Historic Takoma, Inc., shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. The members representing Historic Takoma, Inc. may serve for an unlimited number of one year terms.**

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2004 by roll call vote as follows:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Additions to the existing language of the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance (Ordinance No. 1999-43, as amended by Ordinance No. 2002-7) are shown by **redlining**.